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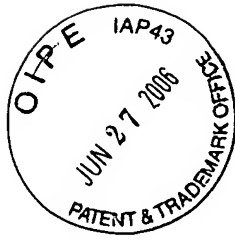
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US Patent Documents

A1	5,328,517	Cates et al.	07/12/994
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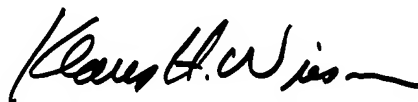
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